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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The initial period for responding to the Office Action issued July 17, 2006 expired on October 17, 2006.

The requested extension and fee are as follows:

		LARGE ENTITY FEE	SMALL ENTITY FEE	AMOUNT
\boxtimes	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450.00	\$225.00	
	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1,020.00	\$510.00	
	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,590.00	\$795.00	
	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00	

Payment for the filing of this Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is authorized to be charged to a Credit Card. The appropriate PTO form 2038 is enclosed. If the Credit Card is unable to be charged, please charge any and all fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0308</u>. If there are any additional fees required by this communication, please charge same to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0308</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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